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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED STICTION  
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SLIDERS  
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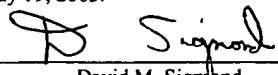
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the rejection of claims 1-40.

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